

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

There is provided a small, low-cost, and highly reliable ink jet printing apparatus capable of performing
5 a recovery operation smoothly and forming an image with a stabilized quality. More specifically, when a suction recovery operation for a printing head for ejecting ink is performed, an ejection port surface of the printing head is covered with a cap member, and a cap opening help operation
10 that facilitates the cap opening operation is performed when performing a cap opening operation that separates the cap member from the ejection port surface.